

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated October 14, 2010. No amendment is made to the application. Claims 17-30 remain pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Joel M. Lamprecht for the in-person interview with Applicant's Representatives, Mincheol Kim and Hochan Song on January 28, 2011. During the interview, Anderson et al. (U.S. 2006/0241423 A1) and Shmulewitz (U.S. Patent 5,664,573) were discussed in view of Claim 17, particularly the claim language that "the breast support surface is configured to move along an endless loop during scanning such that a portion of the breast support surface turns upside down along the endless loop while at the same time the substantially entire portion of the breast is supported by one or more other portions of the breast support surface."

The Examiner and Applicant's Representatives agreed that the prior art of record including Shmulewitz does not teach the discussed feature of Claim 17.

Discussion of Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (U.S. 2006/0241423 A1) in view of Shmulewitz (U.S. Patent 5,664,573). As discussed above, however, the Examiner and Applicants' Representatives agreed that the prior art references do not teach the recited features of Claim 17 that "the breast support surface is configured to move along an endless loop during scanning such that a portion of the breast support surface turns upside down along the endless loop while at the same time the substantially entire portion of the breast is supported by one or more other portions of the breast support surface." Claims 18-30 also include the same features as depending from Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allow the claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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